

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



HF 570 – Health Care Facility Informal Conference on Contested Citations (LSB 1705SV)
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Description

House File 570 relates to informal conferences on contested citations in health care facilities or assisted living programs. This Bill replaces the current informal conference in which the director of the Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) assigns a representative of the Department who was not involved in the contested citation to hold an informal conference with a new process for handling contested citations of health care facilities or assisted living programs. This Bill will require an independent reviewer (an Iowa-licensed attorney with experience or training in geriatric long-term care) to hold the informal conference concurrently with any informal dispute resolution required by federal regulations rather than being held by a representative of the DIA. The independent reviewer cannot have appeared in front of the DIA as an attorney on behalf of a health care facility in the past eight years and cannot have been employed by the DIA in the last eight years. This Bill removes the current informal review process for assisted living programs that receive a regulatory insufficiency and replaces it with an exit interview and informal conference similar to that provided for health care facilities.

Assumptions

- There were 78 informal conferences and informal dispute resolution cases conducted by DIA in FY 2012 at a cost of \$16,000.
- Costs for informal dispute resolution cases vary from \$590 per case to \$2,200 per case across different states.
- The number of cases in future years will be similar to FY 2012.
- The cost for a case in Iowa will fall within the same range as other states.

Fiscal Impact

It is estimated that the changes in this Bill will increase the costs for the DIA for informal conferences from \$16,000 annually to between \$46,000 and \$172,000 annually.

Source

Department of Inspections and Appeals

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